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SUBJ: PARAKOU-GAO TRUCK LINK

REF COTONOU 1230

1. EMBASSY GRAIN EXPEDITER MADE ON SITE INSPECTION PARAKOU AUG 9 AND REPORTED OCDN GRAIN STOCKS STAND AT 1966 MT OF WHICH 1180 MT IS US GRAIN FROM DELTA URUGUAY DESTINED FOR GAO. TRUCKERS STILL UNWILLING TRANSPORT TO GAO BECAUSE OF SUPPOSED BAD STATE OF ROAD. IF AWAITED REPORT ON ROAD CONDITIONS BETWEEN AYOROU-ANSONGO-GAO PORTION OF ROAD BEING MADE BY DRIVERS' OWN SYNDICATE AND ADO/NIAMEY INDICATES GOOD CONDITIONS, THEY FEEL TEN TRUCKS A DAY WOULD LEAVE FOR GAO.

2. TRUCKERS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY TRANSPORTED TO GAO REPORT GENERALLY HIGH LEVEL OF COOPERATION FROM MALIAN OFFICIALS BUT REQUESTED THAT THEY BE ASKED NOT TO WEIGHT EACH SACK OF UNCLASSIFIED

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GRAIN WHEN DISCHARGING CARGO IN GAO AS THIS INCREASES TURN-

AROUND TIME BY TWO-FOUR DAYS. (THIS PROCEDURE ALSO RESULTS IN TRUCKS, TRAVELING IN CONVOY, RACING EACH OTHER FOR FIRST PLACE IN WEIGHING STATION LINE DURING LAST FIVE-TEN KILOMETERS OF JOURNEY).

3. OCDN OFFICIALS IN PARAKOU REPORTED THAT FREIGHT TRAIN SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CUT BACK BY HALF BECAUSE OF VACTIONING STAFF. ALTHOUGH THIS CUTS GRAIN SHIPMENTS BY APPROX 200 MT A DAY, NEITHER US NOR WFP OFFICIALS IN COTONOU WERE INFORMED OF IT. WFP REPS MEETING WITH OCDN AUG 14 AND WILL RAISE ISSUE. GRAHL

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